

Community and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel

Dear Member,

You are invited to attend the meeting of the Community and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel to be held as follows for the transaction of the business indicated.

Miranda Carruthers-Watt
Proper Officer

DATE: Monday, 20 January 2020

TIME: 2.00 pm

VENUE: Committee Room 2, Salford Civic Centre, Chorley Road, Swinton

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 Minutes of meeting held on 18 November 2019 and matters arising (Pages 1 - 4)
- 4 Salford Culture and Place Partnership - Presentation by Sarie Mairs Slee, Head of Salford's Culture and Place Partnership and Steve Hassall, Chief Executive, Salford Community Leisure
- 5 Work Programme 2019/20 (Pages 5 - 8)
- 6 Any other business
- 7 Next Meeting - 17th February 2020

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Agenda Item 3

COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS SCRUTINY PANEL

18th November 2019

Meeting commenced: 2.10 p.m.
“ ended: 3:35 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Burch - in the Chair

Councillors Barnes, Fletcher, Karen Garrido, Humphreys, Ryan, Turner, Walker, Joan Walsh.

Councillor Lancaster - Lead Member for Environment and Community Safety

OFFICERS: David Seager - Assistant Director Operational and Community Services

Dominic Clarke - Head of Citywide and Community Services

Barry Ellis - Bereavement Services Manager

Jeanette Staley - Head of Community Safety

Mike Relph - Senior Democratic Services Adviser

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mullen, Warner and Wheeler.

2. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

The minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 21st October, 2019, were approved as a correct record.

3. CCTV PERFORMANCE

The Strategic Director for Place, submitted a report providing an overview of Salford City Council's public space CCTV (closed circuit television) monitoring service. This operated from a centralised control room, which was also the base for the 'City Watch' and 'Out of Hours' services and was active twenty four hours every day of the year.

This report also detailed the outcomes of incidents which had been observed by the CCTV service over the 12 month period of 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019.

It was noted that a number of members of the Panel had visited the CCTV Control Room prior to the meeting.

Members raised issues and commented on, and noted them, as follows:-

(a) A new initiative had been launched recently which aimed to reduce the problem of cars parking near schools and would be managed through the centralised control room. It was agreed details of this and the resulting outcomes, could be shared with the Panel in due course once the impact of the initiative could be measured.

(b) Reference was made to the lack of CCTV coverage in the Cadishead area of Salford and how this could be improved. It was indicated this should be taken up with the neighbourhood manager and in turn appropriate community committee, to press the case for improved CCTV in the area and funding to be allocated from the local devolved budget.

(c) What was the cost associated with the installation of a mobile CCTV camera in an area/location? This was £400 per week, with an initial installation cost of a further £40.

(d) What was the percentage of arrests which were made due incidents observed by CCTV cameras, which resulted in successful convictions? This was often not an easy correlation to measure as convictions of individuals did not always directly relate to the incidents that had been caught on CCTV, but investigations would be made to provide data which would give an indication of the impact CCTV had on conviction rates.

(e) It was indicated that in certain areas of Salford, with Swinton and Pendlebury given as examples, there was support for the use of CCTV and the benefits it realised, in reducing crime and anti social behaviour. As a result, the local community committee had actively provided funding from its devolved budgets for its installation and maintenance. In other areas, there was not the same value placed on its benefits, nor a willingness to fund it, consequently in contrast, crime and anti social behaviour rates had risen here.

(f) What was the methodology as to where CCTV cameras were located, to reflect changes in crime patterns and their effectiveness? This was a continual process, which used detailed crime statistics, local intelligence, concerns raised by local residents. This was particularly the case where cameras were directly funded from individual community committee budgets.

RESOLVED: THAT the report and the information provided, be noted.

4. BEREAVEMENT SERVICES

The Strategic Director for Place, gave a presentation which provided an overview of the operation and activities of Bereavement Services, with a specific focus on the following key issues:-

- Structure and staffing
- Areas of activity and services provided
- Challenges
- Tackling “Funeral Poverty”
 - Salford Residents Funeral Service
- Environmental health compliance

- Legislation
- Community engagement
- Recycling of metals
- Achievements

Members raised issues and commented on, and noted them, as follows:-

(a) How many of the current members of staff were Salford residents? Of the current workforce of 16, 14 lived locally.

(b) Was there engagement with both local Jewish and Muslim communities with regard to the provision of burial space. Work in this regard was a priority both at a Salford and a Greater Manchester level.

(c) Details were provided of the comprehensive records held of burials and grave locations, which were available to the public to enable them to trace relatives.

(d) The possibility of the Panel of visiting the City's crematoria and cemeteries was suggested.

(e) What, if any, were the levels of damage and vandalism at cemeteries in Salford? This was not a significant issue, though the theft, or removal, of items and flowers from gravesides was a problem.

(f) What was the impact of the closed churchyard policy? This was an element of the Burial Act 1853 allowing burials to be discontinued in Church of England graveyards and transfer the responsibility for maintenance to the local authority in which they were located. In Salford, such sites this responsibility was met from wider maintenance programme and budget.

(g) Details were provided of the special procedures followed to deal with burials which had to be made within 24 hours due to religious beliefs.

(hf) What considerations were made with regard to people with disabilities accessing cemeteries? While every effort was made to accommodate people with disabilities, the size, outdoor and varied nature of cemetery sites made this challenging.

RESOLVED: THAT the update and the information provided, be noted.

5. WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20

Members gave consideration to the Panel's Work Programme for 2019/20.

RESOLVED: (1) THAT following items, be considered for incorporation into the Panel's Work Programme for 2019/20 as indicated:

- Littering
- Recycling - bin contamination and enforcement
- No smoking signage around schools

(2) THAT members of the Panel be provided with the papers of the papers from the recent GMCA (Greater Manchester Combined Authority) scrutiny event regarding modern slavery and its links with organised crime.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Panel would be held on Monday, 20th January, 2020, commencing at 2.00 pm. As this would be last meeting of 2019, best wishes were exchanged for Christmas and the New Year.

**Community and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel
Work Programme 2019/20**

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE DATES & AGENDA ITEMS		
Date	Topic/Action	Responsible officer(s)
20 th January 2020	Salford Cultural Partnership Salford	Sari Mairs Slee
17 th February 2020	Low Carbon Rates	Will Horsfall
	Reduced Plastic Rates/ Greater Manchester Plastic Pledge Progress/Update	Will Horsfall
	Budget Monitoring and Projection 2019/20	Paul Hutchings
	Salford City Council's Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Approach Update (<i>previously considered 21/1/19</i>)	Jeanette Staley
16 th March 2020	Waste Strategy and GM Contract - Update	David Seager
	Citywide Commercial Catering - Update	Dominic Clarke
April 2020	No Meeting - Run Up to Local Elections	
18 th May 2020		

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ABEYANCE LIST	
Protocol for Managing Unauthorised Encampments - current legislation and requirements of local authorities (<i>information provided further consideration by Panel required to be confirmed</i>)	Stephen Kearney/ Peter Openshaw
Greater Manchester Fire Plan (<i>consultation currently postponed</i>)	
GMFRS Programme for Change	
GMCA Police and Crime Panel/ Plan (possible attendance by Alison Connelly and/or Deputy GM Mayor Bev Hughes)	

Community and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2019/20

Portfolio of the Board	Membership
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Safety 2. Communities and Neighbourhoods 3. Regulatory Services (including Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Licensing) 4. Operational Services (including Citywide, bereavement, operational transport, refuse and street cleansing, parks management, grounds maintenance) 5. Salford Community Leisure Client 6. Cultural strategy 7. to be the designated Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee 8. To scrutinise the council's business plan and budget in this functional area. 	<p>Councillor Burch (Chair) Councillor Karen Garrido (Deputy Chair) Councillor Barnes Councillor Fletcher Councillor Humphreys Councillor Mullen Councillor Ryan Councillor Turner Councillor Walker Councillor Joan Walsh Councillor Warner Councillor Wheeler</p>

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